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These deliverables apply to this individual practice. For other planned practice deliverables refer to those specific Statements of Work.

## **DESIGN**

#### **Deliverables:**

- 1. Design documents that demonstrate criteria in NRCS practice standard have been met and are compatible with planned and applied practices.
  - a. Practice purpose(s) as identified in the conservation plan
  - b. List of required permits to be obtained by the client
  - c. Compliance with NRCS national and state utility safety policy (NEM part 503-Safety, Section 503.00 through 503.22)
  - d. Practice standard criteria-related computations and analyses to develop plans and specifications including but not limited to:
    - Determination of appropriate site coverage, trail and landing dimensions, gradient, timing of use, and water drainage, including sizing and spacing of water bars, broad-based dips, culverts and bridges, to allow safe ingress and egress for intended purpose(s)
    - ii. Designating appropriate setbacks from wetlands, water bodies and streams and other environmentally sensitive areas
    - iii. Mitigation measures to reduce wildfire and pest hazards, control erosion, runoff, soil compaction and soil displacement to acceptable levels
- 2. Written plans and specifications including sketches and drawings shall be provided to the client that adequately describes the requirements to install the practice and obtain necessary permits.
- 3. Documentation of needed operation and maintenance.
- 4. Certification that the design meets practice standard criteria and comply with applicable laws and regulations.
- 5. Design modifications during installation as required.

## **INSTALLATION**

### **Deliverables**

- 1. Pre-application conference with client.
- 2. Verification that client has obtained required permits.
- 3. Staking and layout according to plans and specifications including applicable layout notes.
- 4. Application guidance as needed.
- 5. Facilitate and implement required design modifications with client and original designer.
- 6. Advise client/NRCS on compliance issues with all federal, state, tribal, and local laws, regulations and NRCS policies during installation.
- 7. Certification that the application process and materials meet design and permit requirements.

## **CHECK OUT**

#### **Deliverables**

- 1. Records of application.
  - a. Extent of practice units applied
  - b. Actual mitigation measures used and applied
- 2. Certification that the application meets NRCS standards and specifications and is in compliance with permits.

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3. Progress reporting.

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## REFERENCES

- NRCS Field Office Technical Guide (eFOTG), Section IV, Conservation Practice Standard Forest Trails and Landings, 655
- National Engineering Manual, Utility Safety Policy
- NRCS National Forestry Handbook (NFH), Part 636.4
- NRCS National Environmental Compliance Handbook
- NRCS Cultural Resources Handbook
- USDA Forest Service A Landowner's Guide to Building Forest Access Roads. NA-TP-06-98
- Maine Department of Conservation, Maine Forest Service Best Management Practices Field Handbook
- Maine Department of Conservation, Land Use Regulation Commission The Land Use Handbook, Erosion Control on Logging Jobs.
- Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Site Location of Development, Maine Revised Statues Annotated, Title 38, Chapter 3 and Regulations Adopted by the DEP
- USDA Soil Conservation Service and Forest Service Woodlands of the Northeast, Erosion & Sediment Control Guides. 1977.